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17 October 1955

Memorandum for: The CIA Career Council

Subject: Agency Participation in The National War College

1. Before I obtain the Director's approval and signature on the attached letter to the Commandant of The National War College, I would like to have the views of members of the Council as to the size of the quota we are seeking and on the attached draft which presents the Agency's case for the requested increase.

2. In arriving at a quota of four, I have tried to balance what we would like to have against what we are likely to get. If we are granted this quota, we could accomodate one highly qualified candidate from each of the three major components of the Agency, plus one candidate-at-large who might otherwise not be selected. I am firmly convinced that the overriding criteria for selection should be the capacity of the individual to contribute the greatest benefit to the Agency at The National War College and upon his return to duty, regardless of which component of the Agency is sponsoring the candidate.

/s/

MATTHEW BAIRD  
Director of Training

Attachment:

Draft Letter to the Commandant,  
The National War College

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